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Man Charged With Attempted Extortion of Actor

A man was charged today with trying to coerce actor Kevin Hart to pay him for a video that was surreptitiously recorded last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jonathan Todd Jackson (dob 3/4/77), aka Action Jackson, was charged in case BA467710 with one count each of attempted extortion and extortion by threatening letter. He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Rouman Ebrahim of the Cyber Crime Division is prosecuting the case.

Jackson is accused of trying to extort an undisclosed amount of money from Hart between Aug. 25 and Aug. 30, 2017. Jackson allegedly had a videotape of the actor with a woman in Las Vegas and then is accused of trying to sell the recording to numerous celebrity news websites, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$100,000. If convicted as charged, Jackson faces a possible maximum sentence of four years in county jail.

The case remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

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